

AFTERCARE INSTRUCTIONS - ADHESIVE FILM (MULTI-DAY)

Your tattoo has been bandaged with an adhesive film such as Derm Sheild, Saniderm or Tegaderm.

These bandages are an adhesive film that are flexible, waterproof, breathable material that will prevent significant scabbing, and promote timely healing for your tattoo. Because the bandage is breathable, and waterproof, it can be left in place for 3-7 days, depending on your artist's specifications.

Your tattoo will accumulate small to moderate amounts of blood, ink, platelets and plasma buildup on top of your skin, underneath the bandage. This may cause a wet, "soupy" pocket between your tattoo and the bandage. This is normal, and is not a concern. Please keep the bandage in place for the recommended period of time. It may seem uncomfortable, and even visually unpleasant, but the bandage is keeping your tattoo from exposure to the elements will result in minimal scabbing and dryness, and help your tattoo to retain color and heal very quickly. So please endure for the specified time.

If at any point you notice the bandage leaking ink, blood or any other fluid, or if the bandage is exposing your tattoo, you **MUST** remove the adhesive bandage ASAP as it is now being exposed to air and increases your risk of infection.

Once the recommended period of time has passed, or if the bandage needs to be removed early, be sure to wash your tattoo very thoroughly using your hands, and an antibacterial liquid hand soap (such as original Dial Gold) immediately upon removal of your adhesive bandage. Once you have worked up a good lather, rinse your tattoo off, and then wash it again. Allow to air dry, or pat dry with a clean paper towel. After you have removed the initial bandage, do not re-bandage your tattoo. Continue to wash your tattoo 1-2 times per day for the entire healing process (approximately 2 weeks).

If your tattoo becomes dry and itchy, feel free to use a fragrance-free moisturizer as needed. This is meant for your personal comfort and to reduce itching. Your tattoo may not go through a dry and itchy stage at all. If that is the case, there is no need to put any moisturizer or ointments on your tattoo. If your tattoo does produce any scabbing, do not pick at it. Leave any scabs on the tattoo as long as possible, allow them to come off on their own.

Avoid direct sunlight, tanning beds, exposure to skin care products, restrictive clothing, and submerging your tattoo in water (as in a pool, hot tub, or bathtub) until your tattoo is healed, and the skin on your tattoo takes on its normal texture. This is normally at least 2 weeks.

Signs of a bacterial infection in your tattoo

- **Excessive redness for 5 days or more**
- **Swelling for 5 days or more**
- **Heat radiating from your tattoo for 5 days or more**
- **Yellow or green-like discharge**

Consult a health care professional at the first sign of infection.



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